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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Phillip MERRICK, et al.

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For: XML REMOTE PROCEDURE CALL (XML-RPC)

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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Technology Center 2100

Sir:

Responsive to the Office action mailed September 26, 2002, please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

125. A method of invoking a service at a first machine from a second machine, comprising the steps of generating a service invocation request at said second machine using a markup language-based message encoding, and transmitting said service invocation request from said second machine, wherein said message includes plural elements and wherein all of said elements have element type indicators selected from an encoding group having a predetermined number of members, with at least two of said members designating elements containing other elements having element type indicators belonging to said group.

126. A method of invoking a service at a first machine, comprising the steps of: receiving at said first machine a service invocation request generated at a second machine in compliance with a markup language-based message encoding, wherein said